

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, The Seattle Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2011, having enlivened our community, fueled our economy and shaped our neighborhoods and public spaces through arts, culture and creativity; and
- WHEREAS, On June 1, 1971, during exceptionally difficult economic times, city leaders formed the Seattle Arts Commission – now known as the Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs – because they believed stimulating more arts activity would boost people's spirits, enrich urban life and help propel Seattle to become the leading-edge creative city it is today; and
- WHEREAS, Seattle's artists and creative community are part of the soul of our city, inspiring innovation and making Seattle a magnet for its livability. The arts now generate close to \$2 billion every year and the city's Creative Vitality Index ranks three and a half times higher than the national average; and
- WHEREAS, Over the years, generations of dedicated citizen advisors of the Seattle Arts Commission and professional staff of the Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs have helped build a shared cultural identity and fostered civic dialogue through the arts; and
- WHEREAS, The 40th anniversary of the Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs is a celebration of the extraordinary creative community that has been shaping Seattle for many years;

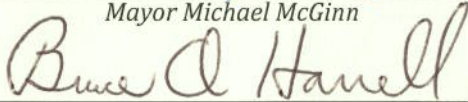
NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor of Seattle and the Seattle City Council hereby proclaim June 2011 to be

Seattle Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs and Seattle Arts Commission Month

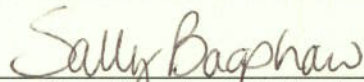
in the City of Seattle and ask all to join in this celebration of the arts, our dedicated artists and our arts and cultural organizations for their invaluable contributions to the people and City of Seattle.



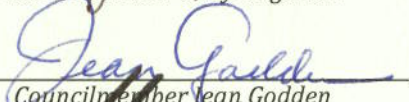
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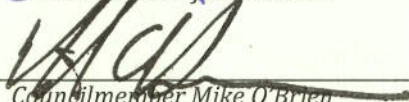
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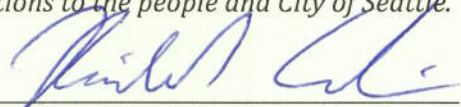
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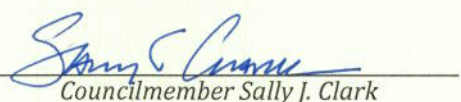
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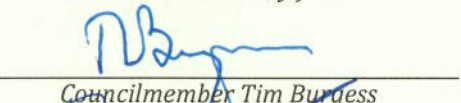
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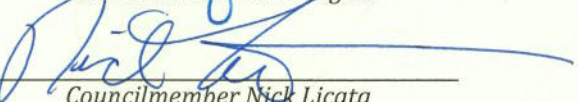
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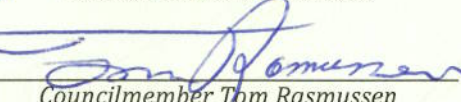
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